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4. (Amended) A polymerization process according to [claims 2-3] <u>claim 2</u>, wherein at temperatures of the order of 50° - 80°C, the perfluorodiacylperoxides of structure (C) or the compound of structure (A) having the formula:

are used.

5. (Amended) A polymerization process according to [claims 2-3] <u>claim 2</u>, wherein at temperatures of the order of -20° - +25°C, the perfluorodiacylperoxides of structure (A) of formula:

are used, wherein when R_f is -CF₃, R_f and $R_{f'}$ are C_1 - C_3 linear or branched perfluorooxyalkyl groups.

- 6. (Amended) A polymerization process according to [claims 2-5] <u>claim 2</u>, wherein the fluorinated monomers are selected from:
- C₂-C₈ perfluoroolefins, such as tetrafluoroethylene (TFE), hexafluoropropene (HFP);



- C_2 - C_8 hydrogenated fluoroolefins, such as vinyl fluoride (VF), vinylidene fluoride (VDF), trifluoroethylene, CH_2 =CH- R_f perfluoroalkylethylene, wherein R_f is a C_1 - C_6 perfluoroalkyl, hexafluoroisobutene;
 - C₂-C₈ chloro-fluorolefins, such as chlorotrifluoroethylene (CTFE);
- CF₂=CFOR_f (per)fluoroalkylvinylethers (PAVE), wherein R_f is a C₁-C₆ (per)fluoroalkyl, for example CF₃, C₂F₅, C₃F₇;
- CF_2 =CFOX (per)fluoro-oxyalkylvinylethers, wherein X is: a C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, or a C_1 - C_{12} oxyalkyl, or a C_1 - C_{12} (per)fluorooxyalkyl having one or more ether groups;
- perfluorodioxoles, such as 2,2,4-trifluoro-5-trifluoromethoxy-1,3-dioxole (TTD), 2,2-bis-trifluoromethyl-4,5-difluoro-dioxole (PPD);
 - sulphonic monomers, such as CF₂=CFOCF₂CF₂SO₂F;
- fluorinated dienes such as $CF_2=CFOCF_2CF_2CF=CF_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI_2CF_2CF=CF_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI_2CF_2CF=CF_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI_2CF_2CF=CF_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI_2CF=CF_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI_2$, $CF_2=CFOCCI$
- 7. (Amended) A polymerization process according to [claims 2-6] <u>claim 2</u>, wherein the perfluorodiacylperoxide initiator is fed in a continuous way or by a single addition at the starting of the polymerization.
- 8. (Amended) A polymerization process according to [claims 2-7] <u>claim 2</u>, wherein the amount of perfluorodiacylperoxide initiator is in the range 0.0001% 5% by moles with respect to the amount of the fed monomers.